



# Tri-County ATV August 2008 Newsletter

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## President's Message

### Greetings All,

Wow do you believe this summer? Rain, rain, and more rain. I hope all of you have been able to get a little riding in between the rain drops. By the amount of traffic I have seen, some are getting a lot of riding on our trails. With all this weather and the price of gas on top of it its getting harder to get some riding in. I have only been out a few times this summer but our trails are in good shape and the riding is fine, thanks to the few people who have made themselves available (in spite of the fact they are busy too) to work on our trails this summer.

Which leads us to the next subject, trail work and club activity. Not many of our members have been active this year, and we miss you. Not only do we miss you we need you. I know some of you are unable to work on trails but how about coming to the meetings or serving on a committee or even bringing some water or a sandwich to those who are out in the woods working? Every one of you can do something. We are all busy one way or another with our lives but if this club is to stay successful we need everyone's help. If not, the few people who have been working will get burned out (some already have). So please step up to the plate and do something for our club. Help us wherever and whenever you can. We have some of the best trails in the state thanks to a few good members, but it can't last without more help from all of you.

The Mt. Washington ride was Aug.3rd and around 180 people took the ride up the Mountain. Only 6 people from TCATV Club attended. We had hoped to get our trails into Holland by the end of this summer but we are not there as yet. I hope all of you are enjoying your summer in spite of the rain and I hope to see you at our next meeting Aug.9th at 9:30 a.m. at the Clyde River Hotel.

Sincerely,  
**Bill Bailey**  
TCATV Club President

## Vice President's Message

### Dear Members,

There is some news to report. About a week ago Dave, Jim, and I rode all the trails. The beaver dam on Basil Hill is so large now the trail is not passable. The trail will either need to be moved or the beavers will need to go. The dam is near the bridge we rebuilt a couple years ago. Those beavers must have been busy expanding their blood line and are taking over. The trail is a loop and can be avoided for now.

I have also contacted a landowner with a bulldozer to fix up the steep trail on Rosebrook Hill. The hill has always been difficult and now it's tougher to go up. The landowner said he will grade the hill for little or no cost. Be careful riding up hill and do not double up the steep section. Other than that we added and fixed some water bars where needed.

The trail in Morgan looks good. Bill Bailey helped a guy get his Rhino ATV unstuck from 'The Bear Trap'. He was riding alone with no winch. The machine is too heavy for one person to get unstuck. Because of the small sign in the woods saying "The Bear Trap" Bill knew where the guy was. He had Bills' phone number and called by cell phone.

We are working on a more detailed trail map. The map will show numbers for the trails. Some loop trails will have names. Some need names. Any suggestions? The trails will also have difficult areas highlighted. Some people like it rough and some don't. We will have numbers in the woods soon.

Thank you and enjoy summer before it's gone,  
*Ernie Pappas, Vice President, TCATV Club*

### - IMPORTANT INFO -

**Our next meeting will be held on  
Saturday, August 9 at the Clyde River Hotel at  
9:30 a.m. We hope to see you there!**

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